



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER 2018.

Present - Councillor Marren (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Butterill, Groves, Hall, Kirkham, Lewis, Martin, Moran, Staley, PC Matt Stonier and the Town Clerk.

This meeting was held at Brookfield Hall, Shrewbridge Road, Nantwich.

PART 1

63. WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLOR

The Mayor welcomed the new Councillor for South Ward, Councillor Philip Staley, to his first meeting.

64. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Staley declared his acceptance of office and signed the acceptance form which was witnessed by the Mayor, Councillor David Marren.

65. PUBLIC FORUM

PC Matt Stonier reported on the proposed policing of Halloween. The Police Station will be open from 4.30-6.30pm and then the main estates will be patrolled.

The incident relating to the dog found in the canal is still being investigated.

PC Stonier assured Councillors that, looking at past history of incidents, there should not be any problems with the Poppy Cross.

Mrs Carole Thomas made a representation about cyclists using Monks Lane contrary to the No Cycling Order. Some vegetation also needs cutting back. PC Stonier will ask a PCSO to monitor the cycling problems.

The Mayor thanked PC Stonier for attending the meetings on a regular basis to report to the Town Council.

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Martin.

67. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

68. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 6 SEPTEMBER 2018

Council confirmed the minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2018 with an amendment that item 62 should include reference to the conditions of acceptance of the offer. Subject to this amendment Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

69. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in September and October was received.

Sat 8 th Sept	South Cheshire Model Engineering Society 50 th Gala (Peacock Hotel track)
Sat 8 th Sept	Players Theatre 'Bunch of Amateurs'
Wed 12 th Sept	Winsford Salt Fair
Thurs 13 th Sept	Civic Opening and Winsford Salt Queen crowning Dene Drive Winsford
Sun 16 th Sept	Winsford Open Air Service
Wed 19 th Sept	Weaver Rotary meeting, Crewe Vagrants Club
Fri 21 st Sept	Food Festival Awards, Civic Hall
Mon 24 th Sept	Crewe Male Voice Choir - Municipal Buildings
Tues 25 th Sept	Crewe Town Council meeting - Municipal Buildings
Fri 28 th Sept	Reaseheath Graduation Ceremony
Sat 29 th Sept	UK Kids Fun Duathlon
Sun 30 th Sept	RBL Concert (evening) Civic Hall
Tues 2 nd Oct	CAP Nantwich Job Club Launch
Fri 5 th Oct	Redshift Radio Regents Park Nantwich
Sat 6 th Oct	Knutsford War Memorial unveiling
Sun 7 th Oct	CEC Mayor's Civic Service Macclesfield
Mon 8 th Oct	Words & Music Festival opening Peggy Killick Suite
Wed 10 th Oct	Nantwich in Bloom unveiling of new sign in Community Orchard Shrewbridge Road

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the Words and Music Festival, which is an example of events and festival bringing trade to the town resulting in a vibrant retail sector with few vacancies.

The Mayor also mentioned a forthcoming event in support of the Mayoral charities, The Revolvers on Friday 26th October. The Mayor's Civic Service will be held on Sunday 14 October.

70. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

70.1. **Western Avenue No Waiting Restrictions**

Cheshire East is proposing to introduce "No waiting at any time" restrictions on part of Western Avenue, Nantwich at the junction with Brine Road. Following assessment Cheshire East Highways feel restrictions could be introduced to tackle reported problem parking that is restricting visibility and the free movement of traffic.

Any comments about this proposal should be sent to Cheshire East Highways by 5pm on Friday 26th October 2018.

70.2. **Street Naming Proposal – Waterway Close**

The proposed street name for the development off Welshman's Lane (largely outside the town council boundary, next to the Allotments site) is Waterway Close. Council were concerned that more streets should be named after the fallen in World War 1.

70.3. Poppy Cross

The Poppy Cross has been installed in front of St Mary's Church. Poppies for individual dedications will be available next week. Councillor Moran proposed a vote of thanks to the staff who had designed and built the Poppy Cross.

71. PLANNING CONTROL

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A. Concern was expressed about possible noise from the smoking shelter at Nakatchas.

72. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 20 SEPTEMBER 2018.

Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved.

73. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 27 SEPTEMBER 2018.

Council noted the minutes with the amendment that Councillor Moran was in attendance. Council **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved.

74. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2017/18 - REPORT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Council received the Report of the External Auditor and Certificate for 2017/18. Council noted that the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn, had reviewed Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and that, in their opinion, the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern.

Council **RESOLVED** to accept the external audit report.

75. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Philip Staley to the Policy Committee.

76. CHESHIRE EAST NEW HOMES BONUS COMMUNITY FUND

Councillor Moran reported on the meeting of the New Homes Bonus wards group. Five priorities had been identified. Bids for schemes should be submitted through the group in October / November before the deadline of 21 December. Decisions on the selected schemes will be made in the New Year.

Council asked the Town Clerk to prepare a further report for Council and, if necessary, to organise an Extra-Ordinary meeting to discuss the schemes.

77. CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the response to the consultation on the First Draft Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD), as prepared by the Town Clerk. Councillor Groves noted the Town Council's response but did not take part in the vote as he is a member of the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board.

78. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CRIER

Council considered a report on the review of the town crier role and the possible appointment of a town crier directly by the Town Council. Council authorised the Town Clerk to investigate membership of the Town Crier Guilds and to prepare a job specification and description. Council re-iterated that the role should be voluntary but that an honorarium and expenses may be payable.

79. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Moran referred to the current Cheshire East financial position and the likelihood of an increase in Council tax in 2019/20.

80. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Lewis reported that Nantwich Litter Group goes from strength to strength with over 90 members.

Councillor Kirkham reported that the Museum had been successful in attracting grants for a Civic war exhibition and for marketing.

A quiz is to be held at the Vagrants on 28 October.

Councillor Bowyer-Bates reported on the Welshman's Lane AGM.

Councillor Bostock reported that Nantwich in Bloom had erected a new sign at the Community Orchard. A decision on the North West Bloom competition was awaited.